

NOTE: These are “proposed” minutes and will not be approved until the December 6, 2016 School Board Meeting

4:00 p.m.
Administration Center

Tuesday
November 15, 2016

BOARD MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President David Black called the November 15, 2016, meeting of the Board of School Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. All Board Members were present. Others in attendance included Jane Allen, Superintendent, James Bromley, Assistant Superintendent, Mark Snyder, Director of Business Services, Michelle Willey, Director of Transportation and Jeff Palmer, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Mrs. Buller, Principal at York Elementary, introduced her first grade teachers - Lori Scott, Kathie Kenworthy and Lois Oyer along with some of their students who are in their classes. They presented a PowerPoint presentation about their Monarch Butterfly project.

- The 1st grade team of teachers spent quite a bit of time collaborating on doing case studies this year and decided to work on butterflies.
 - They looked at what have we done in the past and what can we do to “stretch” the kids thinking.
 - They are working more now as a grade-level team than they ever have before.
 - The approach they used has some different aspects in it than what they have done in the past. They made scientific models (which they brought for the board to look at) of the Monarch Butterfly.
 - The teachers also had an artist come to the classrooms and show the students how to draw the butterfly.
 - They had an “expert” come in and talk about butterflies. That “expert” was a 14 year old who has raised over 1,000 Monarch Butterflies.
 - The children were really involved in reading and writing questions about the Monarch Butterfly.
 - One of their custodians got involved with this project too. Every night she would write a question on the whiteboard and when the students came into class the next morning they would read the question. Sometimes they would have to research the answer or sometimes they knew the answer. The students were really excited to read her question every morning and find the answers.
 - Mrs. King said she remembered when the school board visited York Elementary a couple of weeks ago and that they talked about there weren’t as many butterflies as they thought they would get. She questioned the students if they remember why that was? One of the students said it was because of the drought – there wasn’t a lot of water so there wasn’t very much milk-weed and they couldn’t lay eggs. She was really glad they came tonight, she thinks what they are learning in first grade is very important.
- Mrs. Allen really appreciated their presentation and everyone is excited about their learning! She is so proud of them! Mr. Black said he made an observation while watching the video – they are already doing public speaking in the first grade. That probably isn’t a focus on what their STEM program is but that is a direct result of being able to do something in front of a group of people and camera. That is a direct result of the whole system that they have. It’s kind of intended and unintended consequences – this is one of the unintended that is going to come out for all of these kids (having the ability to speak in front of someone).

EXPRESSIONS FROM PATRONS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- Minutes from the November 1, 2016 school board meeting
- Claims Lists
- Personnel List
- October 2016 Financial Statement

EMPLOYMENT:

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Nicole Deckert, Musical, 2220-3, Start Date: January 3, 2017
Lucy Vallance, Tennis, 32120-1, Start Date: March 1, 2017

York Elementary School

Classified: Carmen Peppler, 3.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, Replacing: Lori Wuthrich
Start Date: November 16, 2016

Jefferson Elementary and Middlebury Elementary

Certified: Julie Shyposki, Temporary Art Teacher, Covering: Emily Holt's FMLA Leave
Start Date: January 24, 2016

Classified: Crystal Ayres, Temporary 5.5 Hour Special Education Assistant, Covering: Katie Seel's Leave 4430
Start Date: January 4, 2017

RESIGNATION:

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Lynette Krugh, 6.75 Hour Life Skills Para, Effective Date: November 12, 2016

Dolores Schoen, 3.5 Hour, 2 Day a Week Cafeteria Worker, Effective Date: November 22, 2016

EMERGENCY LEAVE:

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Elnora Yoder, Building Secretary, 8 Hours/1 Day, November 9, 2016

Jefferson Elementary School

Certified: Curt Schwartz, Principal, 1 Day, November 18, 2016

FMLA LEAVE:

Orchard View Elementary School

Classified: Cynthia Miller, 7 Hour Cafeteria Worker, From October 3, 2016 to November 15, 2016

Northridge Middle School

Classified: James Miller, Head Custodian, From November 14, 2016 to November 30, 2016

Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR 2016 GENERAL FUND – Mrs. King moved and Mr. Gayler seconded a motion to approve a Transfer of Appropriation Resolution for the 2016 General Fund as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

DONATION TO NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs. Allen requested approval of the following donations to Northridge High School.

- Boys Basketball – 6th Man Club - \$1,400
 - 41 Degrees North
 - Salon 6
 - Yoder Insurance Agency
 - Jayco
 - Varns & Hoover
 - TK Steel Inc.
 - Middlebury Cold Storage
 - Premier Driving Institute
- Transportation – Hi-Mileage Car - \$6,000
 - Star Fleet Trucking, Inc.
- Parent Council – Academic Banquet
 - Crystal Valley Exchange Club - \$500
- NHS Band – Boosters
 - Crystal Valley Exchange Club - \$400
- Guidance Department
 - Crystal Valley Exchange Club - \$750
- PE Weight Room
 - Crystal Valley Exchange Club - \$400

Mrs. King moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the donations to Northridge High School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

DONATION TO MIDDLEBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Mrs. Allen requested approval of a donation of \$550 from the Crystal Valley Exchange Club. This will help fund a number of different activities and special programs for the students. Mr. Gayler moved and Mr. Souder seconded a motion to approve a donation to Middlebury Elementary School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

DONATION TO HERITAGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – Mrs. Allen asked for approval of donations to Heritage Intermediate School. The Crystal Valley Exchange Club would like to donate \$500 towards the Career Guidance program and the HIS PTO would like to donate \$1000 towards a few Library programs. Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the donation to Heritage Intermediate School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

FIELD TRIPS – The school board reviewed the list of field trips.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

- Mrs. Allen announced the fall sports awards are tonight with a “Taco Bar” dinner for those interested at 5:30 and the awards start at 7:00 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL – Board members reviewed the list of travel requests.

EXPRESSIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – Mr. Black thanked Mrs. Buller from bringing her teachers and students to the board meeting tonight. They did a fine job.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. King moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to adjourn the November 15, 2016 meeting of the School Board of Trustees at 4:35 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The next scheduled school board meeting will be on December 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Center.

David Black, President

Joanna King, Vice President

Robert Souder, Secretary

Scott Miller, Member

Paul Gayler, Member